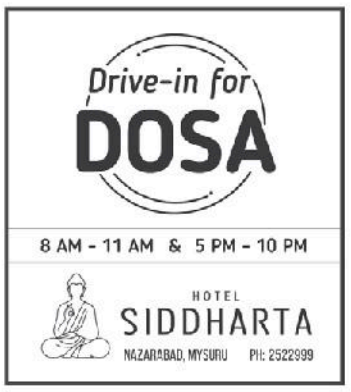

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NEET begins amid tight security in city

7,709 students appear at 19 centres in Mysuru

Mysuru, May 4 (BLU&BCT)- Over 7,709 students appeared for the Undergraduate National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (UGNEET) 2025 this afternoon across 19 centres in Mysuru.

The nationwide exam, conducted in pen-and-paper (OMR) format, began at 2 pm and will conclude at 5 pm. NEET serves as the qualifying test for admission to medical courses across India.

According to the National Testing Agency (NTA), a record 23 lakh students have registered for NEET this year.

(See NEET on page 7)

MCC collects Rs. 121.12 crore Property Tax from Apr. 1 to 30

Nearly 33 percent of Property Tax collected through online payments

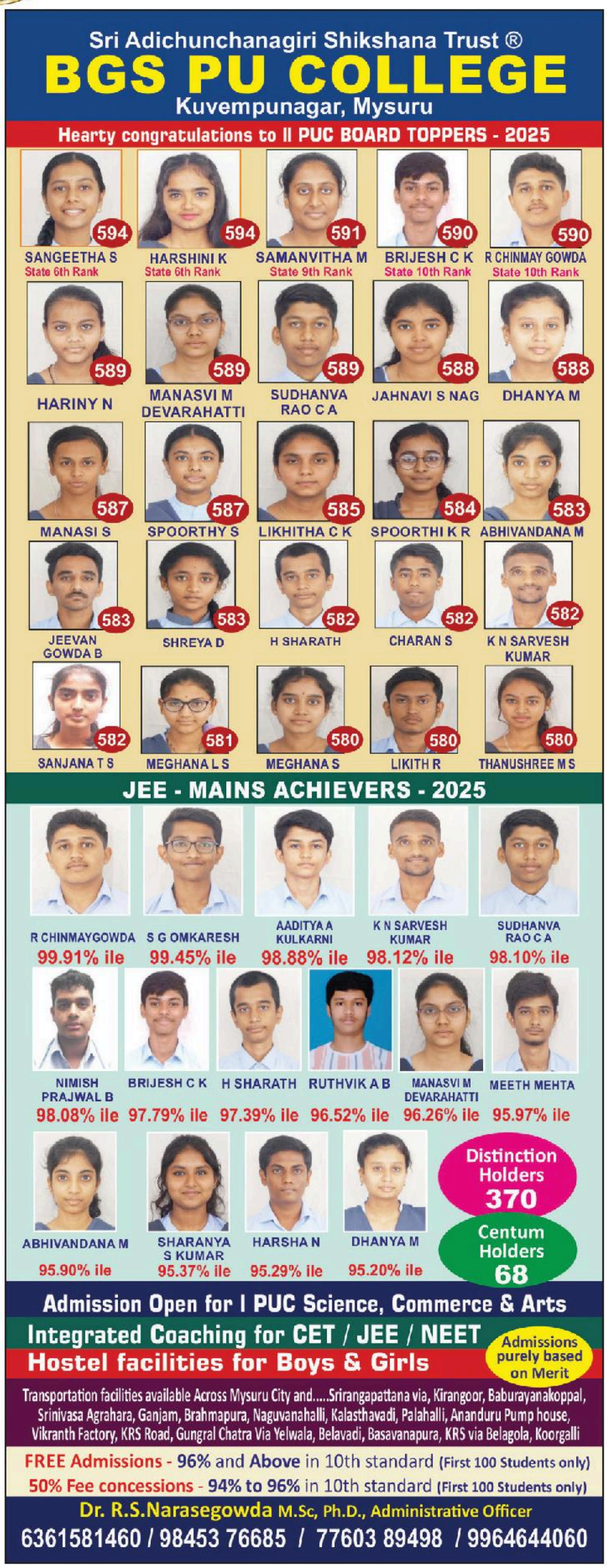
Mysuru, May 4 (RK&BCT)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) collected a whopping Rs. 121,12,59,735 in Property Tax from Apr. 1 to Apr. 30 for the financial year 2025-26. Residents made the most of the 5 percent rebate offered to those who paid their taxes within this period.

Property Tax remains the MCC's primary source of revenue and forms the backbone of its budget. Mysuru has 2,25,000 registered properties, of which 1,95,000 are revenue-generating. For the current financial year (Apr. 1, 2025, to Mar. 31, 2026), the MCC has set a target of Rs. 237 crore in Property Tax collection.

In the previous financial year, the target was Rs. 251 crore and Rs. 228 crore was collected. The shortfall of Rs. 23 crore has been carried forward, raising the total target for 2025-26 to Rs. 260 crore. During Apr. 2025 alone, 91,948 property owners paid their taxes through various payment modes, utilising the 5 percent rebate.

Of the total Rs. 121.12 crore collected at the nine MCC Zonal Offices, Rs. 39,75,54,608 (32.82 percent) came through online payments, Rs. 17,37,30,529 (14.34 percent) via KarnatakaOne counters, Rs. 56,18,65,137 (46.38 percent) through bank counters, where taxpayers deposited cash or cheques in person and Rs. 3,76,225 (00.03 percent) was collected manually.

(See PROPERTY TAX on page 6)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UoM Law Department to host

EU-IndoPac Jean Monnet Teaching Module

Mysuru, May 4- The Department of Studies in Law, University of Mysore (UoM), in collaboration with UCLouvain, IEE St. Louis, Belgium (ranked 180th in the QS World University Rankings), is organising the EU-IndoPac Jean Monnet Teaching Module (40 hours).

This initiative is supported and managed under the auspices of the European Union and aims to foster academic engagement across the Indo-Pacific region.

The inaugural session of this prestigious international programme will be held on June 2 at 3 pm at Institution of Excellence (IOE), Science Building, UoM campus (online mode).

The programme will focus on themes related to the India-EU Green Deal, Green Technology and Legal Frameworks, and will feature renowned legal scholars and policymakers.

Prof. P. Puneeth, Professor, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, JNU, New Delhi, will be the chief guest.

Prof. Sreenivasulu, Professor, National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS), Kolkata; Oxford University; Prolific Author in Biotechnology and Law, will be the keynote speaker. Prof. (Dr.) Nicolas de Sadeleer, Full Professor, Jean Monnet Chair, UCLouvain, St. Louis, Belgium; Oxford University; Leading Author on Environmental Principles, will be the teaching programme speaker.

For details, contact Student Coordinator Sayed Qudrat Hashimy or Organising Secretary Prof. (Dr.) M.S. Benjamin, Dean, Faculty of Law, Chairman & Professor of Law at the DoS in Law, UoM via e-mail: *dos@law.uni-mysore.ac.in*

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE POWER OF NOW — WHY A STITCH IN TIME SAVES NINE: ***Some time ago, during a sultry noon, suddenly I noticed that the stitch at the lower seamline of a splendid dress had got snapped. To mend it manually, it needed merely a few moments. On that lazy noon, I felt languor and lassitude in the labyrinths of my mind, so I decided to put it off for days. Soon, sloughing off slothfulness, I started scouting for my sleek haberdashery kit, where I stockpile needles/threads and such other sundry stuff. After having sewn it, I was feeling super chuffed about myself. Since I knew, had I simply ignored it, the small rip would have slowly stretched wider by snagging on my feet and subsequently, would have made me go in search of a skilled street tailor to stitch it up with stark finesse. Literally, a stitch in time indeed saves nine!***

Recently, a friend's progeny was preparing for a particular day, which promised the possibility of a plum career. In a hard plastic file, she had placed all pertinent documents in proper order, except for some printouts, which she had planned to take out from her personal computer the previous day. But somehow, it had got slipped off from her, and so did the job. Even today, she feels, the printouts could have played a phenomenal role, as they had the proof of her potent acumen needed for the post. If only she had not been bitten by the procrastination bug.

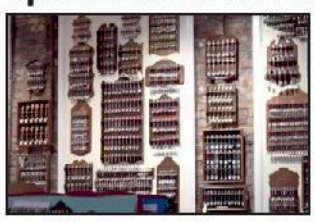
Interestingly, a paternal relative, a pernickety person who keeps pettifogging even with piffling details, has this proclivity for perfection in everything he does. His life philosophy has been, "Now or never!" Whether a crevice in some corner of his house or a chink in a window curtain, he instantly gets them neatly cobbled up. This is to pre-empt the possible exacerbated damages in the future.

Well, doing things 'then and there' truly facilitates being totally organised. Be it mindless home chores or mind-jangling job chores, the more we manage to postpone, the more the stress keeps menacingly magnifying and mercilessly gnawing at our minds. That apart, the initial teensy chores, if not tackled right then, can get terrifyingly piled up over time, translating itself as terribly tough, titanic tasks. So, surely, a stitch in time saves nine, no, ninety-nine (hassles)!

— Meera Seshadri in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Museum owner has 38,162 spoon collection



Lowa (US): An Iowa museum owner said she believes she has broken a Guinness World Record for her collection of 38,162 spoons.

Cammie Pohl, owner of the Mississippi Spoon Gallery in Davenport, gathered about two dozen volunteers to spend more than 5 hours cataloguing her entire inventory to present to Guinness World Records as evidence.

The current record for the largest collection of spoons is held by Australian man Des Warren, whose collection of 30,000 teaspoons was tallied in 1990.

Pohl said she believes the record will soon be hers, as her collection now stands at 38,162 spoons.

Man obsessed with firefighters sets his house on fire

Northumberland: A UK man has been jailed after setting fire to his own home twice in one night just so he could see firefighters in action.

26-year-old James Brown, from Northumberland, in the UK, has been described as having an obsession and a fascination with firefighters. He settled for admiring firefighters from a distance. When that wasn't enough anymore, he set his own house on fire just to see the firefighters in action.

On Sept. 9, 2023, the fire brigade was sent to a home on Eleventh Avenue, in Ashington, after the owner called emergency services to report a fire. Only 90 minutes later, Brown once again called the fire brigade to report another fire. The second time, firefighters had to once again put out bedding that had caught fire.

A simple background check showed that the Brown had called the fire department 80 times in a year and he pleaded guilty to two counts.

James Brown was sentenced to eight months' suspended sentence for two years with 150 hours of unpaid work.

HEALTH CAPSULE

PCOD is common problem now, but treatment would need long term commitment.

By Dr. Shaheen Akthar, Consultant – Obstetrics & Gynaecology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

World Cartoonists Day

Caricature Exhibition tomorrow

Nagendra Babu

Mysuru, May 4- As part of World Cartoonists Day celebrations, Banter Babu Publication, Mysuru, has organised a Caricature Exhibition by cartoonist and Fullbrighter M.V. Nagendra Babu at Sree Kalanikethana Art Gallery, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, tomorrow (May 5) from 11 am to 6 pm.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa will inaugurate the expo at 10.30 am. Former President of District Kannada Sahitya Parishat M. Chandrashekar will deliver the keynote address. Bharani Art Gallery Founder-Chief Convenor and senior artist N.B. Kaverappa will preside.

MLC C.N. Manjegowda, Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar, social worker K. Raghuram Vajpayee and Sree Kalanikethana School of Art Principal K.C. Mahadeva Shetty will be the chief guests.

On the occasion, 'Amphi Man' cartoon super hero will be released by the chief guests.

WATER LEVEL

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Today's Outflow **926 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **800 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **100 cusecs**

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TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 84.58**
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VOICE OF THE READER

Drain at Rajivnagar left open for two months

Sir,

I am a resident of No. 552, Al Badar Masjid Road, Rajivnagar 2nd Stage. This is to draw the attention of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) towards the incomplete construction of a drain near my house, which has been left open for the past two months.

Despite several complaints and reminders, the drain has neither been covered with slabs nor cleaned. Residents have begun using it as a garbage dump, worsening the situation.

It has now become a public nuisance, emitting a foul smell and attracting flies and mosquitoes — posing a serious health hazard. I request the MCC Commissioner to personally intervene and ensure a lasting solution is implemented at the earliest in the interest of affected residents.

I am also writing to highlight this unresolved civic issue despite continued follow-ups with the MCC. Ref: Complaint No. 35666, dated 20th March 2025.

The drain causes unpleasant odours and turns into a breeding ground for mosquitoes and flies, endangering public health. Through *SOM*, I urge the authorities to take immediate action.

— Ameenuddin
2nd Stage, Rajivnagar
27.4.2025

JLB Road-Manandavadi Road

junction marred by daily traffic snarls

Mysuru, May 4 (BLU&VNS)- With commuters rushing to pass without letting the other vehicles pass has been causing traffic jams on a daily basis at JLB Road and Manandavadi Road junction also known as Five Light Circle.

Vehicles coming from Nanjumalige, Lakshmipuram, JLB Road Manandavadi Road, Chamundipuram and Medarkeri often cause traffic jams as the people riding or driving the vehicles lack road sense. The egoistic attitude of wanting to go first before the other vehicle could pass is said to be the main cause for the traffic jams.

Each time there is an issue, traffic movement comes to standstill for about 15-20 mins. Since it is not possible to install traffic signals at every junction in city, people have to follow the traffic rules to avoid such situations.

Devotees throng 'Mysuru Karaga'

Mysuru, May 4 (MK&VNS)- Thousands of devotees from Mysuru and surrounding districts thronged Ittigegud to take part in the 101st Mysuru Karaga Mahotsava of Sri Mariyamma organised by Sri Renukadevi Karaga Devasthana Trust yesterday.

Ittigegud wore a festive look with the main thoroughfares decked with serial lights and flower strands.

The Karaga began at 7 pm with folk groups such as dollu kunita, kamsale, tamate, yakshagana, bombe kunita, nagari among 20 others accompanying the karaga utsava.

The procession of the deities Sri Chamundeshwari and Sri Mariyamma, which began from the temple premises in Ittigegud, passed through main thoroughfares of the city including Kelanakeri, Lokaranjan Mahal Road, Sri Durgaparameshwari Temple, Chamaraja Double Road, Narayana Shastry Road, Shivarampet, Sayyaji Rao Road, Mission Hospital Road, Kabir Road, Kalamma Temple Road, Kurubarageri, Irwin Road, Kumbarageri, Ashoka Road, Nazarbad, Mysuru Zoo and culminated at Sri Renukadevi Temple this morning.

Ambali Puja: Ambali puja to the deities will be performed today followed by okuli and thambittu aarathi in the evening.

Later, procession of the deities will be held at Ittigegud and mahanaivedya and mahamangalarathi will be held in the midnight.

Festivities will come an end with immersion of karaga during the Brahma muhurtha at Paschimavahini in Srirangapatna tomorrow.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted on May 5 and 6 in the following areas: Murudagalli, Thalur, Doddakaturu, Doora Hallikerehundi villages, Nanjundeshwara extension and surrounding areas, according to a press release.

Ph.D awardee

R. Rakshitha has been awarded Ph.D in Life Science by the JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER) for her thesis 'Response Surface Methodology Modelling for the Removal of Persistent Organic Pollutants Using Nanocomposites' submitted under the guidance of Dr. N. Pallavi.

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TODAY'S MATCHES MAY 4

KKR Vs **RR**
Eden Gardens,
Kolkata, **3.30 pm**

PBKS Vs **LSG**
HPCA Stadium,
Dharamshala, **7.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCH MAY 5

SRH Vs **DC**
Rajiv Gandhi Intl. Stadium,
Hyderabad, **7.30 pm**

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

RCB 213/5 (20 overs)
BEAT
CSK 211/5 (20 overs)

Live telecast on:
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Internal reservation: Survey of Scheduled Castes from tomorrow

3,400 school teachers deputed as enumerators in Mysuru district; survey to be held in three stages up to May 23

Mysuru, May 4 (BLU&BS)- Preparations have been all made for the survey of Scheduled Castes (SC) to provide internal reservation, across the State from tomorrow (May 5) till May 23. Following a report submitted to the State Government by Justice H.N. Nagamohan Das Commission, the survey is set to begin in Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Kodagu and Hassan districts, as part of the Statewide exercise, rekindling the hopes of the most backward sub-castes among the SC community to reap the benefits of inner reservation.

The very initiative stems from the judgement of seven-member bench of Supreme Court judges, on Aug. 1, 2024, favouring internal reservation, leaving it to the prerogative of respective State Governments to decide on the modalities to extend the reservation.

Following the apex court judgement, the State Government had formed Justice Nagamohan Das Commission, to carry out the survey in a scientific manner.

District Officer of Social Welfare Department Rangegowda, also the Nodal Officer of the survey, told Star of Mysore, in Mysuru district a total of 3,400 school teachers are roped in as enumerators for the survey. They will be deployed to conduct the survey at the polling booths in respective Gram Panchayat (GP) limits. They shall be going door-to-door and one supervisor has been deputed for every 10 enumerators. Besides, the Social Welfare Department Officer and Block Education Officers (BEO) shall be overseeing the survey.

A dedicated app has been developed to record the data in a scientific method online, with a questionnaire prepared for the purpose. The survey will cover both SC and non-SC households, during which the family members have to provide relevant information.

A Caste Survey Centre is being opened at every polling booth from May 18 to 20, where those who miss to be covered during the survey-either due to the enumerators skipping their house or the residents not present at home during the enumerators visit, may visit the centre to provide the required information.

> There are 101 sub-castes among Scheduled Caste (SC) and among them, the information related to Adi Karnataka and Adi Jambava and others will be collected during the survey. The photo of those who provide the information will be taken and uploaded on the app, to ensure authenticity in conducting the survey. The information of even those families which don't belong to SC community should also be uploaded on the app, to ensure that no families are omitted during the survey.
>
> **—DDPI Jaware Gowda**

Not sure of getting justice

Meanwhile, S. Arunkumar, advocate and President of Karnataka Samajika Nyayapara Vakeelara Vedike, sounded sceptical over SC communities getting any justice from the survey.

"Congress Government in the State is conducting the survey of SC community again, only for the sake of its vote bank politics, but there is no hope of getting justice. In the earlier surveys by Justice A.J. Sadashiva Commission, former Law Minister J.C. Madhuswamy headed Cabinet Sub-Committee and H. Kantharaju Commission that was constituted by the same Congress Government, Madigas have emerged as No.1 in population among SC communities. The State Government has in its possession, the data to corroborate the fact that the population of Madiga is higher. But still the Government is conducting a SC survey" said Advocate Arunkumar.

Share accurate info: DC

Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy appealed to the people to cooperate with the enumerators during the survey, by providing accurate details. The data will be collected in three stages.

In the first stage, from May 5 to 17, a door-to-door survey will be conducted and data will be uploaded on the app. In the second stage, from May 19 to 21, special camps will be set up and the data of those families excluded in the survey will be collected. In the third stage on May 22 and 23, SC families can voluntarily share details of their sub-castes online, added DC Reddy.

'Madigas' must provide accurate info, appeals former Minister Kote Shivanna

Mysuru, May 4 (GA&BS)- Unlike Justice A.J. Sadashiva Commission, the recently constituted Justice H.N. Nagamohan Das Commission is authentic and the survey of Scheduled Caste (SC) communities to provide internal reservation, set to take off tomorrow (May 5) can be believed to be totally scientific, said Lokesh, State Hon. President of Rajya Mathunga Jagruti Samiti.

He was speaking during a meeting on internal reservation, organised by Mathunga Jagruti Samiti under the leadership of former Minister Kote M. Shivanna, at Jaladarshini Guest House in the city yesterday.

Lokesh explained that, though A.J. Sadashiva Commission submitted the survey findings based on the 2001 population census, to the Government, it is yet to see the light of the day. According to Sadashiva Commission, 50,158 people identified themselves as Madiga, apart from 3,690 people belonging to the related caste. Now, the Government has instructed Nagamohan Das Commission to conduct the survey on the basis of 2011 population census, including the backward class communities.

Former Minister Kote M. Shivanna, former MLC R. Dharmasena and others releasing a pamphlet, ahead of SC survey in city recently.

The Survey contains 42 questionnaire and the Madigas should mention their identity correctly. Those who have converted to other religions need not fear, as there is no column related to religion in the questionnaire. If anybody doesn't have Aadhaar no, they should obtain the number at the earliest and take part in the survey. The Pourakarmikas too, should identify them as 'Madiga', advised Lokesh.

Former Minister Kote M. Shivanna appealed to the community leaders to form teams to create awareness about the survey. During the door-to-door survey, the families should provide the details about their social, educational and financial status and representation in politics and employment.

> During the survey, the households should provide Aadhaar card or ration card, as they contain complete family details. The questionnaire consists of the list of sub-castes like Adi Karnataka, Adi Dravida among others, which should be carefully identified during the survey, followed by furnishing the details related to their academic qualification. Along with the details of family head, the photo should be collected and the information collected should be cross verified at the final level. The mobile number should be provided to receive One Time Password (OTP) to complete the survey. If mobile phone number is not available, the provision is made to collect the signature, said a leader at the meeting.

Former MLC R. Dharmasena said, if Madigas want to tap 6% reservation facility, they should provide accurate details. Or else, the reservation facility will be capped at 1%.

In a press conference held at Patrakarthara Bhavana here yesterday, B.S. Subramani, President of Adi Dravida Pourakarmika Yuvakara Abhivrudhi Sangha, has also made a similar appeal to the pourakarmikas to identify themselves as 'Madiga' .

Mention as 'Arunthathiyar'

While, in another media briefing, R. Krishna, State President of Akhila Karnataka Arunthathiyar Mahasabha has appealed to the Pourakarmikas to identify themselves as 'Arundatiyar' during the survey of SCs to extend the benefits of internal reservation.

Taking a strong exception to some of the community leaders emphasising on identifying themselves as Madiga during the survey, Krishna said, 'We are culturally different in practicing traditions. For better future Pourakarmikas, must mention as 'Arunthathiyar'.

Uprooted trees get new life at Kukkarahalli Lake

Mysuru, May 4 (BCT)- In a pioneering ecological initiative, four fully grown Akasha Mallige (Indian Cork) trees that were uprooted at Kukkarahalli Lake during a recent storm have been scientifically replanted near the lake's embankment.

This marks the first such experiment in Mysuru, setting a precedent for sustainable green cover restoration. The initiative was spearheaded by environmental activists with full support from University of Mysore, the Lake's custodian. The plan was discussed with Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath before implementation.

After the trees fell, an emergency meeting of green activists — referred to as 'green warriors' — was convened at the Lake premises, attended by retired Horticulture Department Director Dr. Ramakrishnappa and Assistant Director of the University of Mysore Horticulture Department Mujawar. Both offered technical advice and oversaw replantation logistics.

Key questions were raised during the meeting: Can fallen trees survive replantation? Are they a rare species? What would it cost? After thorough deliberation and expert assessment, the green warriors concluded that replantation was viable and essential.

Crowdfunding initiative

An estimated Rs. 50,000 was raised through crowdfunding and donations from environmentalists and participating organisations to support the process.

On the first day, special care was taken to preserve the uprooted trees. Their roots were immediately wrapped in moist jute gunny bags and kept hydrated to prevent drying. To reduce the weight of the trees and ease handling, branches were trimmed.

The four trees after replanting at Kukkarahalli Lake embankment.

A crane lifts the tree to place it in a 6X6 pit during the replantation process. Picture right shows after replanting, a signboard indicating the species name was hung on the tree.

A nutrient-rich organic manure mixture was prepared ahead of replanting. Using earth movers, 6x6-foot pits were dug at the Kukkarahalli Lake embankment, and cranes were deployed to carefully lower the trees into position. The pits were filled with a mix of neem leaves, manure, red earth and other organic material to aid recovery.

To stimulate new growth and prevent rot in the trimmed branches, a natural sealant made of limestone, cow dung and mud was applied.

"This is a pioneering step for Mysuru and could serve as a model for other areas in Mysuru and other cities. It marks a shift towards scientifically grounded, sustainable approaches to urban greening," said Parashuram Gowda of Parisara Balaga.

Environmentalist Leela Venkatesh reflected on the symbolic value of the replantation: "We were heartbroken when 40 trees were illegally felled on Hyder Ali Road. But today's successful replanting of trees gives us renewed hope. This act should serve as a warning to those considering deforestation — it stands as a symbol of our determination and unity in the fight to protect nature."

The effort was a collaborative one, with participation from several organisations including Parisara Ulivigagi Kriya Samithi (Action Committee for Environmental Conservation), Clean Mysore Foundation, Parisara Balaga, Chamundi Betta Ulisi Samithi, Mysore Grahakara Parishat, People's Union for Civil Liberties and individuals such as Parashuram Gowda, Leela Venkatesh, Arun, Jayashankar, Kamal Gopinath, S. Shylajesha, Vishwanath, Bhanu Prashanth, Gantaiah, Bhagya Shankar, Kala, Smita, Kamakshi, Srilakshmi and others.

CCB sleuths seize MDMA worth Rs. 30,000

Mysuru, May 4 (VNS)- The City Crime Branch (CCB) sleuths have seized 10.20 gram of MDMA narcotic drug from a person who was allegedly trying to sell it on old Bengluru-Mysuru Highway on Apr. 24.

According to a press release, the person was caught on suspicion when he was travelling on motorbike with no number plate by the CCB sleuths while on a regular beat near the road leading to Royal Function Hall, opposite Potharaju Building under Narasimharaja Police limits.

During the investigation, they found the person with possession of MDMA. Soon, they took the person into custody and recovered the two-wheeler, a mobile phone, digital scale and other equipment.

Narasimharaja Police have registered a case and are investigating.

In another case, CCB sleuths raided Vaishnavi Ananya Sports and Creation Club on Apr. 27 and took 23 persons into custody who were allegedly involved in gambling and recovered Rs. 55,230 cash.

Vijayanagar Police have registered a case and are investigating.

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Grieving for terrorism on city trees

Mysore Was Built Before The Car. That's Why It Worked.

Trees felled by MCC on Hyder Ali Road in Mysuru on April 13, 2025.

One of the pedestrian-friendly roads in Singapore.

By Sooraj Nanaiah

I remember cycling down Hyder Ali Road at 3 pm on my way to tennis coaching. I was 14 years old, the sun overhead and the heat harsh. But the road — lined with tall rain trees — made it bearable. Their thick canopy provided shade, kept the ground cool and made even a summer afternoon manageable.

Sooraj Nanaiah

That wasn't an accident.

The older parts of Mysore were designed with people in mind. Not cars.

The neighbourhoods I grew up in felt spacious. The streets weren't clogged or crowded. Homes had verandas, open balconies and gardens — not just for looks, but for function. They allowed for airflow, encouraged casual interaction and gave the streets a sense of openness and life that's largely missing today.

And with it, a mindset shift. **We began prioritising space for vehicles over everything else. Trees were cut, footpaths narrowed, roads widened and gardens paved over.**

Hyder Ali Road is just one example. A stretch once known for its greenery now has less of it — all to reduce drive times by a few minutes. But those trees weren't just decorative — they provided cooling and gave that road a certain old school charm and character.

The changes have been steady and visible. Many houses no longer stop at a single garage — they now dedicate the entire ground floor to stilt parking, with high compound walls that shut neighbours out from even a peek inside. A quiet sign of how cars have reshaped architectural priorities. I find these new structures an eyesore — but that's what we get when convenience takes precedence over elegance.

Closer to home, I worry about my own neighbourhood. The streets here are still lined with *honge mara* — Indian beech trees — that support entire micro-ecosystems. Squirrels, butterflies, bees and even migratory birds rely on them. Locals call this stretch the "honge mara road." It's part of the identity of the area. On a hot day, you can really feel the difference — the street is noticeably cooler than the surrounding areas, a reminder of how much microclimates matter in a warming city.

But these trees are under threat. They stand just outside the boundaries of empty 50×80 sites and while they aren't inside private property, I fear they may still be cut down — either to clear space for roadside parking or in anticipation of mini-apartments that seem inevitable.

The assumption is always the same: every street must accommodate multiple cars. Trees become optional. The logic is always the same — convenience.

Singapore Model

Meanwhile, cities like Singapore — hotter, denser and with fewer natural advantages — chose not to let cars shape urban life. Car ownership is tightly regulated through high registration fees and limited quotas, while public transport was prioritised early with a fast, reliable metro system. Streets are designed for people — with wide footpaths, shaded walkways and seamless connections. The result: preserved green cover, efficient mobility and walkable neighbourhoods. Singapore beat the car by design, not by accident.

We didn't need to invent a new playbook. We needed to adapt and innovate with one clear goal: preserve the integrity of the city. Innovation isn't about chasing the new for its own sake. It's about solving modern problems while protecting what gives a place its identity, function and liveability.

Car crippled Bangalore

Mysoreans often look to Bangalore as a preview of the future and feel anxious about progress and growth. But Bangalore's challenges are the result of a city being increasingly redesigned around the car.

Over the last two decades, Bangalore embraced a car-centric model of urban development. Roads were widened, flyovers multiplied and intersections were re-engineered — not for pedestrians or public transport, but to prioritise vehicle flow. Footpaths were narrowed or erased. Trees were cut down to make room for road expansion.

Plan Mysuru beyond cars

Growth isn't the problem. If anything, Mysore suffers from a lack of meaningful ambition — the kind that invests in public infrastructure, supports local businesses and creates opportunity for the people who live here. Instead, the city has leaned heavily on real estate speculation.

Land prices climb. Gated layouts spread. But little is done to build a sustainable cultural or economic engine. Young people with ideas and initiative often leave — not because they want to, but because starting something here doesn't make sense when rents are high and support systems are thin. The city must grow — but with a certain vision.

My friends and I often debate how to measure the true health of a city. We look at the usual metrics — land value, car ownership and construction rates — but conventional models only tell half the story. They measure activity, not vitality. A more telling indicator, we've found, is this: How many birds, bees, butterflies or squirrels do you see in your neighbourhood?

It sounds simple, even whimsical. But these creatures only thrive in stable, breathable environments — with old trees, clean air and low noise.

When they disappear, it's not just an ecological loss — it's a signal that something is out of balance. Because the real question isn't just whether a city is growing. It's whether that growth is making everyday life better — for everyone, not just developers and landlords.

MCC collects Rs. 121.12 crore Property Tax from Apr. 1 to 30

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Combined, online, KarnatakaOne, bank counters and manual payments amounted to Rs. 113,35,26,499. An additional Rs. 7,77,33,236 (6.41 percent) came via cheques and demand drafts, bringing the total to Rs. 121,12,59,735.

Zone-3 highest

Under the leadership of Revenue Officer Sathyamurthy, the MCC Zone-3 has successfully collected and recorded a total of Rs. 22,65,70,730 in Property Tax payments. This achievement is the result of coordinated efforts by Revenue Officers, Assistant Revenue Officers and supporting staff.

A total of 18,931 property owners in Zone-3 have paid their dues through multiple channels. Of the total amount, Rs. 8,78,63,586 was collected online, Rs. 3,56,56,449 through KarnatakaOne centres, Rs. 9,40,22,787 via bank counters, Rs. 84,097 was collected manually and Rs. 89,43,811 through cheque payments.

Compared to April last year, when the MCC collected Rs. 91 crore in Property Tax citywide, this year has seen a notable increase of Rs. 30 crore, offering some relief to the cash-strapped civic body.

Rebate extension request

Meanwhile, the MCC has submitted a proposal to the Urban Development Department seeking an extension of the 5 percent Property Tax rebate period by two months, until June 30. However, the Government has yet to respond to the request.

With no additional grants from the Government, the MCC has been grappling with financial challenges. The recent spike in Property Tax collections has provided some much-needed relief to the Corporation's strained finances.

Decentralised powers

To streamline tax administration, this year, the MCC decentralised powers related to the creation, transfer, modification and updating of the Property Identification Number (PID) in the tax software system.

MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif authorised Zonal Officers, the Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) and Estate Officers to handle tasks including PID creation and updates, tax levies on buildings or vacant lands, registration of 'A-Khata' and 'B-Khata' properties, issuance of demand notices, tax collection, and serving of attachment warrants for recovery.

With Rs. 121.12 crore already collected, MCC is now tasked with collecting the remaining Rs. 138,87,40,265 by Mar. 31, 2026, to meet its full-year target.

Cauvery Aarati to debut at KRS Dam during Dasara

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar chairing a meeting at Vidhana Soudha yesterday to discuss Cauvery Aarati as (from left) Tourism Minister H.K. Patil, Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi and Muzrai Minister R. Ramalinga Reddy look on.

Bengaluru, May 4 (KMS&BCT)- Taking inspiration from the iconic *Ganga Aarati* of Varanasi, Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister and Water Resources Minister D.K. Shivakumar (DKS) has announced the launch of a grand *Cauvery Aarati* event at the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam in Mandya district during Mysuru Dasara celebrations.

Addressing reporters after a high-level meeting with officials from the Tourism, Kannada and Culture, Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments Department (Muzrai) and Energy Departments at Vidhana Soudha yesterday, DKS said the Government envisions the *Aarati* as a major cultural and spiritual attraction for South India.

A seating plan is being designed to accommodate 10,000 spectators, with provisions to allow free viewing from all sides. "I have asked for a plan that enables at least 10,000 people to witness the *Cauvery Aarati*. People should be able to watch it from four sides — even those who don't buy tickets," he said.

Though Shivakumar initially proposed holding the *Aarati* directly under the KRS Dam, security concerns have shifted the venue to a nearby location with water presence. The event will incorporate Karnataka's cultural traditions while embracing elements from Tamil Nadu and Kerala, in recognition of the Cauvery's importance to all three States, as well as Puducherry.

A committee led by the Mandya DC will finalise the event's framework, with guidance from the Religious Endowment Department and support from other departments. The Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments Department will oversee dharmic aspects, while the Planning Authority, to be set up soon, will coordinate development across four panchayats without requiring land acquisition.

"Instead of acquiring land, we will allow local landowners to develop tourism infrastructure such as hotels and homestays. They must obtain approval from the Planning Authority," DKS added.

The PWD has been tasked with upgrading four access routes leading to KRS Dam to ensure smooth travel. Shivakumar said the Government wants people to travel from Bengaluru, attend the *Aarati* and return comfortably.

Positioned as a spiritual and tourism initiative, *Cauvery Aarati* is expected to be fully ready in six months, in time for the grand Dasara festivities.

Shoddy gas pipeline works pose threat to commuters

Mysuru, May 4 (BLU&VNS)- The gas pipeline being taken up in city is turning out to a bane for the commuters. With workers digging the roads for laying pipeline, it has only created huge potholes posing danger for the commuters.

Potholes can be seen on Manandavadi Road, JLB Road and other areas. The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) which has issued tender to AG&P (Atlantic, Gulf & Pacific Company) Pratham India to carry out the gas pipeline works, has failed monitor the works. The agency which digs about 4 ft. to lay pipes has not closed the trench scientifically which has created potholes.

The Mysuru City Corporation was being paid Rs. 1,957 per meter by the company for laying pipelines. However, there was another agreement signed between MCC and AG&P (Atlantic, Gulf & Pacific Company) Pratham India, following which Re.1 per meter is being paid for the same work. It may be recalled that Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda had alleged about a possible misappropriation of crores of funds in the project.

It is said that the company is making huge profits after being charged just Re. 1. Despite making profits, the company has been negligent towards closing the trenches. There have also been instances of the motorists being injured and hospitalised as a result of improper trench covering on the road. Concerned officials have to take steps to ensure trenches are close scientifically using jelly stones and tar.

NEET begins amid tight security

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In Karnataka alone, around 1.49 lakh students are writing the exam at 381 centres. In Mysuru, arrangements were made to ensure smooth conduct of the exam.

Candidates were allowed entry exam centres from 11.30 am, with biometric verification, ID checks, and document verification carried out until 1.30 pm. Each student was required to carry their admit card, a valid photo ID (such as Aadhaar, college ID, PAN card, voter ID or Driving Licence), one postcard-size photo and two passport-sized photographs.

Security checks were conducted by Police personnel, while registration at centres was managed by NTA-appointed agencies. Biometric attendance was mandatory and candidates were required to follow all guidelines mentioned in their admit cards.

In Mysuru, examination centres included Government PU College (Vontikoppal), Regional Institute of Education (Manasagangothri), Government Adarsha Vidyalaya (Jockey Quarters), Government First Grade College (Kuvempunagar), Maharani Women Arts College (JLB Road), Maharani's PU College (Narayan Shastri Road), CPC Polytechnic (Ashoka Road) and Kendriya Vidyalaya (Siddarthanagar).

Other venues included Devaraja Girls PU College, Maharaja's PU College (Lakshmipuram), Maharani Women's Science College (JLB Road), Karnataka State Open University's Blocks A & B, Maharani Women's Commerce & Management College (Paduvarahalli), Govt. Girls PU College (People's Park) and the University of Mysore's Engineering College.

Kendriya Vidyalaya handled exam centre logistics, including registration checks and seating arrangements. To prevent malpractice, the District Administration imposed prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, banning public gathering within a 200-metre radius of all centres from 6 am to 6 pm.

Candidates wearing religious or cultural attire were advised to report at least two hours early for frisking. Heavy clothing and long sleeves were restricted, while footwear was limited to slippers or low-heeled sandals. Shoes were not allowed. The list of prohibited items included books, notes, calculators, geometry boxes, plastic pouches, pens, erasers, log tables and electronic items such as mobile phones, Bluetooth devices, earphones, watches, health bands, wallets, handbags, food items, and water bottles.

District authorities ensured uninterrupted power supply, availability of medical and emergency staff and comprehensive fire safety measures. Question papers were transported securely from strongrooms at the State Bank of India and Canara Bank.

Exam rooms were monitored by CCTV, with each centre housing a control room to oversee live footage. Flying squads, centre superintendents and deputy superintendents were deployed to prevent irregularities.

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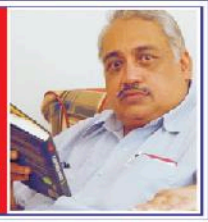

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Tall Trees, in Tall Trouble

A full two weeks have passed, after forty majestic copper-pod trees (Peltophorum pterocarpum) along the two sides of the Hyder Ali Road in our city, were chopped down in a very swift and clandestine operation, that was cunningly planned and quickly executed, under the cover of darkness.

It was daylight murder, at midnight. That this was done in a fashion that has hitherto been the standard *modus operandi* of nocturnal sandalwood looters is bad enough.

But what makes it very vulgar is the fact that this shameful strategy was resorted to, not by petty criminals but by an unholy nexus of our civic authorities like the City Corporation and the Forest Department, both of which are vested with the almost sacred responsibility of protecting our environment and the trees that are an integral and essential part of it.

How these two agencies could collectively collude with all the vested interests that stood to gain from this unholy act, only shows that for a few paltry pennies, most people are willing to sell their honesty and integrity too.

Although there has been a brisk reaction against this carnage, from many quarters, by way of condemnations, complaints and protests and although our Forest Minister has assured us that he will oversee an enquiry into the incident, nothing much is likely to happen. **I say this because, thanks both to a very brief public memory and the very long-drawn progress of all such government investigations, that wind through miles and miles of bureaucratic red-tape, only to get lost, nothing ever comes out of them.**

When dozens of cases of murders, massacres and every other kind of mayhem, loot and plunder, have not seen their logical ends, over decades in our vast country, what can we expect to see in the sad end of a handful of roadside trees, in our small city? Will the guilty and the greedy be brought to book and punished for their crime and will they ever be reformed enough not to repeat their misdeeds in the future? I think not, because even if they are proved guilty, the penalties for their misdeeds are only symbolic at best.

***An avenue of Copper-pod trees** [Pic. courtesy: Internet]*

What surprises me most is how the people in the neighbourhood failed to react to the large-scale carnage that was taking place right outside their homes and continued to sleep peacefully while the loud chain saws were mowing down so many huge trees, all through the silent night? And who were these people and what is the neighbourhood I'm talking about?

Every one of them was some kind of a senior Police Officer, residing in the three rows of their official quarters, that adjoin the entire length of the road, to which the trees lent their shade and beauty. I wonder why no one among them thought it wise or pertinent to question the tree-fellers and prevail upon them to stop their midnight activity, at least till some concerned citizens could be consulted on the necessity of felling so many trees, along both sides of a not so busy road, that was already wide enough to serve its purpose admirably well?

This looks like a perfect example of the 'how does it affect us and why should we bother' attitude, which most of us suffer from. Do think about it!

And, this is not going to be the last such incident too, in or around our city. Going by the reports that we keep seeing, on an off, there seem to be plans of bringing down not dozens but a few hundred more trees, in and around our city for various reasons like widening roads, expanding offices, laying water and gas lines or drawing power lines.

I don't say that these are completely avoidable activities, because our cities need these amenities as they grow. But I feel that in all our actions and activities that may have even the slightest impact on our environment, we citizens and our civic authorities too, need to tread with caution and concern, and always in consultation with each other.

That is why we citizens, who vote and elect our leaders and then pay our taxes too, to keep our governments running, should insist vehemently that we too should have a voice that is heard in all matters that concern our lives.

Can we start a nationwide public campaign and a movement to ensure this? Because if we don't, we will continue to see more disturbing and damaging activities around us, that will only leave us wringing our hand in despair and dismay!

In conclusion, with this poem from an unknown writer, I would like to pay my tribute to the lost trees, by extolling the beauty that they used to lend to our city, while they stood silently, without expecting or taking anything from us in return. It appealed greatly, to my senses and I hope it will, to yours too!

A golden haze, a vibrant hue,
The Copper Pod's bright flowers, fresh and new.
A tapestry of yellow light,
A stunning, glorious, sunny sight.
Beneath the boughs, a fragrant air,
With petals soft, beyond compare.
A summer's dream, a gentle grace,
The Copper Pod, a happy place.
From branches high, a golden shower,
A fleeting beauty, hour by hour.
A whispered song, a sweet perfume,
Banishing the winter's gloom.
The pods, a copper, rich, and deep,
A promise of the harvest to keep.
A season turned, a life renewed,
In nature's beauty, we're imbued.

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National workshop on Lakes-2025

Mysuru, May 4 (VNS)- Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA) will be conducting a two-day National-level workshop on 'Lakes - 2025: Healthy Lakes, Healthy Lives - The Need for Conservation' on May 22 and 23 at Academy premises, Yelahanka, Bengaluru.

Renowned scientists have been invited to deliver special talks during the workshop. Post-Graduate students (Science stream), Research Scholars, Professors, Young Scientists, Educationalists, Young Entrepreneurs will take part in the event.

KSTA has also provided an opportunity for young scientists and research scholars to present their research papers during the workshop. The best research papers will be rewarded.

Interested candidates can register by filling up the google form on *https://forms.gle/qYAgXUgaH7* before May 17.

For details, contact Mob: 98452-58894 or 96207-67819 or visit *https://kstacademy.in*, according to a press release.

Mahabharata quiz, Gita recitation

Mysuru, May 4- Sakhi Foundation and Surya Charitable Trust have organised Mahabharata quiz and Bhagavadgita recitation competitions for children on May 11 at Jayalakshmidevi PU College in Ramakrishnanagar. Students studying from 5th to 9th std. will be eligible to take part in Mahabharata quiz which will be held in both Kannada and English languages for a total of 50 marks.

For Gita recitation, children studying from 1st to 4th std., will be eligible. Special arrangement will be made for children below 1st std., on showing interest to take part in the competitions.

Participants will have to recite a minimum of three verses and maximum of five verses from any of the Gita chapters. Organisers will distribute certificates to all participants. May 7 is the last date for registration. Interested can contact Mob: 83103-06882 or 99647-90442.

Residential PU Science College admissions

Mysuru, May 4- Department of Social Welfare has invited applications from eligible students for admission to PCMB and PCMC combinations at Morarji Desai Residential PU Science College, Varakodu, Mysuru Taluk; Morarji Desai Residential PU Science College, S. Hoskote, Mysuru and Atal Bihari Vajpayee Residential PU Science College, Tagadur, Nanjangud Taluk.

Last date to submit applications is May 14, according to Joint Director of the Department.

Thousands stage protest against Waqf (Amendment) Act in city

Mysuru, May 4 (MK,AP&KS)- With slogans such as 'Waqf belongs to Allah; We will not accept any changes to it; We are also Indians; Hindustan Zindabad; Jai Bhim and Jai Samvidhan,' thousands of people staged a protest against The Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, at Eidgah Grounds in Tilaknagar here yesterday.

The protest was held under All India Muslim Personal Law Board.

Wearing black arm bands, carrying the National Flag and holding placards, thousands of Muslim community people, including women, children, youths, religious heads, politicians, leaders of various progressive organisations from Udayagiri, N.R. Mohalla, Shanthinagar, Ghousianagar, Kalyangiri, Azeez Sait Nagar, Subhash Nagar, Siddiqui Nagar, Nanjangud, Hunsur, Periyapatna and other places, who converged at Eidgah Grounds, shouted slogans against the Centre and urged it to roll back The Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025.

Addressing the gathering, retired Police officer Suhail Ahmed said that the constitutionally independent investigating institutions and media that are supposed to protect democracy, have become like pet dogs of the BJP Central Government, rather than watchdogs. "Elected representatives are being threatened through ED and CBI making the Governments to fall. If we do not protest against these, it is doubtful that our Constitution will survive. By amending the Waqf Act, there is a hidden agenda to sell the waqf properties to Ambani," he alleged.

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MASSIVE PROTEST RALLY AGAINST 'WAKF AMENDMENT ACT - 2025

Muslim community religious heads and leaders and heads of various progressive organisations during the protest rally held against Waqf Amendment Act-2025 at Eidgah Grounds,Tilaknagar in city yesterday.

Thousands of people staging a demonstration at Eidgah Grounds yesterday.

Udupi's Jamaat-e-Hind Secretary Akbar Ali, who also spoke said that this protest was not only against The Waqf (Amendment) Act, but also for the survival of the Constitution. "If anything has to be donated to Waqf, that material or land should be 'halal' and not 'haram.' If an inch of land is 'haram' Waqf will not accept it. Only a land which is considered holy will be donated," he added.

He further said that Waqf assets are being misused since independence. "Governments, organisations and even Muslim community people have encroached Waqf properties. Governments in Karnataka have issued notices for the preservation of Waqf properties. Merely giving notice does not constitute taking possession of the property. The point is to look at the pros and cons of this and check whether it is a Waqf property. But some vested interests are giving it a communal colour. The Centre is planning to swallow Waqf properties and is misguiding that the Waqf amendment is for the safety of Muslims. Apart from misleading the Parliament, a false affidavit has also been submitted to the Court," he added.

Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha State President Badagalapura Nagendra said that the Waqf amendment was against the Constitution and added that Raitha Sangha will extend full support for the fight to protect Waqf Personal Law.

Former Corporator K.C. Shoukath Pasha read the memorandum which will be submitted to the Government of India through the Deputy Commissioner. Tributes were paid to tourists who were killed by terrorists at Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir and the Prime Minister was urged to take stringent action against the terrorists.

Earlier, the protest commenced with the recitation of versus from Holy Quran by Moulana Qari Fayaz Ahmed followed by Naath by Moulana Umar Farooq. Sir Khazi of Mysuru Hazrath Moulana Mohammed Usman Shariff presided.

MLAs Tanveer Sait and K. Harishgowda, Hazrath Moulana Mufthi Syed Tajuddin, Hazrath Moulana Mohammed Zaka Ulla Siddiqui, Moulana Ayub Ansari, Hazrath Moulana Shah Vali Ulla Umri, Moulana Hafiz Arshad Ahmed, Jagruta Karnataka State President Dr. H.V. Vasu, KPCC Spokesperson M. Lakshmana, Karnataka Exhibition Authority Chairman Ayub Khan, former Mayors Ariff Hussain and Anwar Baig Aftab, former Corporators Ayaz Pasha (Pandu), Suhail Baig and Sawood Khan, Zubair Ahmed, Mysore District Waqf Advisory Committee former Chairman Ariff A. Mehkri and others were present.

MMC&RI outsourced employees call off strike

Mysuru, May 4 (PM&TRR)- The outsourced employees (contract workers) of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) who were protesting against non-payment of wage arrears and demanding minimum wages and other facilities since Friday last in front of the office of Dean and Director and Administrative Officer, called off their stir yesterday evening following an assurance given by the contractor at a meeting held in the presence of MMC&RI Dean and Director and Labour Department officials.

The outsourced employees were staging the protest under the aegis of MMC&RI United Contract Workers Union. Secretary of the Union S.H. Harish told *Star of Mysore*, that about 800 contract workers were working in KR Hospital and PKTB Hospital, Super Specialty Hospital, Trauma Care Centre, Cheluvamba Hospital, and Dean and Administrative offices.

"Contract workers are functioning as security guards, ayahs, nurses and Group D workers. Except those who are working in emergency department, all others are participating in the protest," he added.

Social activist Ugra Narasimhegowda who addressed the workers wondered whether the District Minister was not aware of the problems faced by contract workers.

"I am sure he knows all the issues and still not taking action to address them. The present government including District Minister and are spending hundreds of crores to spread awareness about the aspirations of our Constitution. But they are not taking measures to ensure minimum wages for workers as per the Constitution. This is not a good sign. District Minister, Dean and others concerned must act responsibly and resolve the issue of contract workers," he demanded.

District Labour Officer Chethan and Senior Labour Inspector Madappa met the protesting workers and later met MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. K.R. Dakshayini at her office and held discussions with her. Following this, the labour officers directed the contractor, who was also present at the meeting, to provide all facilities as per rules including minimum wages to the contract workers.

Social activist Rajanna, Union activists C. Aravind, Akkamahadevi, Rajamma, Bhagyamma, S.M. Pavithra and others were present.

Obituary

Amrutha

Mysuru, May 4- Amrutha (70), a resident of Gandhinagar, passed away following a heart attack this morning in city.

She leaves behind three sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Udayagiri Burial Grounds this afternoon, according to family sources.

WORD OF THE DAY

Sleuth

Pronunciation: SLOOTH (Verb)
Meaning: To sleuth is to carefully or methodically search for information, or to act as a detective.
Origin: "They were the footprints of a gigantic hound!" Those canine tracks in Arthur Conan Doyle's The Hound of the Baskervilles set the great Sherlock Holmes sleuthing on the trail of a murderer. It was a case of art imitating etymology. When Middle English speakers first borrowed sleuth from the Old Norse word slōth, the term referred to the track of an animal or person. In Scotland, sleuth hund referred to a kind of bloodhound used to hunt game or track down fugitives from justice. In 19th-century US English, sleuthhound, soon shortened to sleuth, began to be used for a detective. From there, sleuth slipped into verb use to apply to what a sleuth does.
Example: "To fill the market with vintage treasure, we called upon some of the industry's best dressed — Anok Yai, Emma Chamberlain, Hamish Bowles, Julia Sarr-Jamois, Kaia Gerber, Paloma Elsesser, Tabitha Simmons, Tonne Goodman, and Gigi Hadid — to sleuth through eBay and curate their must-haves." —Lilah Ramzi, Vogue, 6 March 2025.

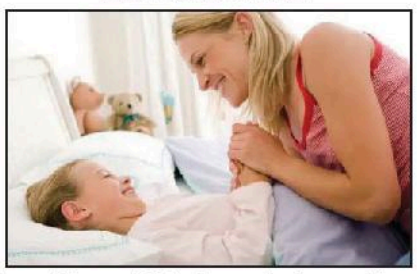
THE ODD WORD

Discombobulate

To disconcert or confuse.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Rise and Shine



Meaning: The phrase 'Rise and Shine' is used when waking someone up.
Origin: The phrase 'rise and shine' originated as a military order in the late 1800s, with 'shine' meaning 'act lively and do well.'
Example: "It's past seven a.m.: rise and shine!"

QUOTE BOX

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body. **—Joseph Addison**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

PRAY	RAIN RAIN RAIN RAIN

Answer: Pray For Rain.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Mineral source
4 Pointed tool
7 Taxi
10 Ex-Indian captain ___ Contractor
12 Contend
13 Of the ear
15 German physicist, Albert ___
17 You will often change it when driving a car!
18 Title of knight
19 Irritate
20 One of the Pandavas
23 Popular snack Masala ___
25 Indian clarified butter
26 Periods, ages
29 Ever, poetically curtailed
30 Newt
31 India's real-time payment system
33 With hands on hips
36 Elderly
37 Judge's garb
38 Norse goddess of love
39 Forbidden
42 Two-year old sheep
43 Desktop symbol
44 Columbus's America? (3,5)
49 Prefix for wine
50 One as a prefix
51 South Indian dialect
52 Slender bar
53 Touching a player in a game?
54 Mrs in Marseille

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

■	A	P	L	■	M	B	A	■	A	D	D	■
A	L	A	E	■	A	U	G	■	L	O	I	N
C	O	C	K	A	T	O	O	■	L	U	S	T
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S	T	I	R	■	S	I	S	■	S	C	A	R
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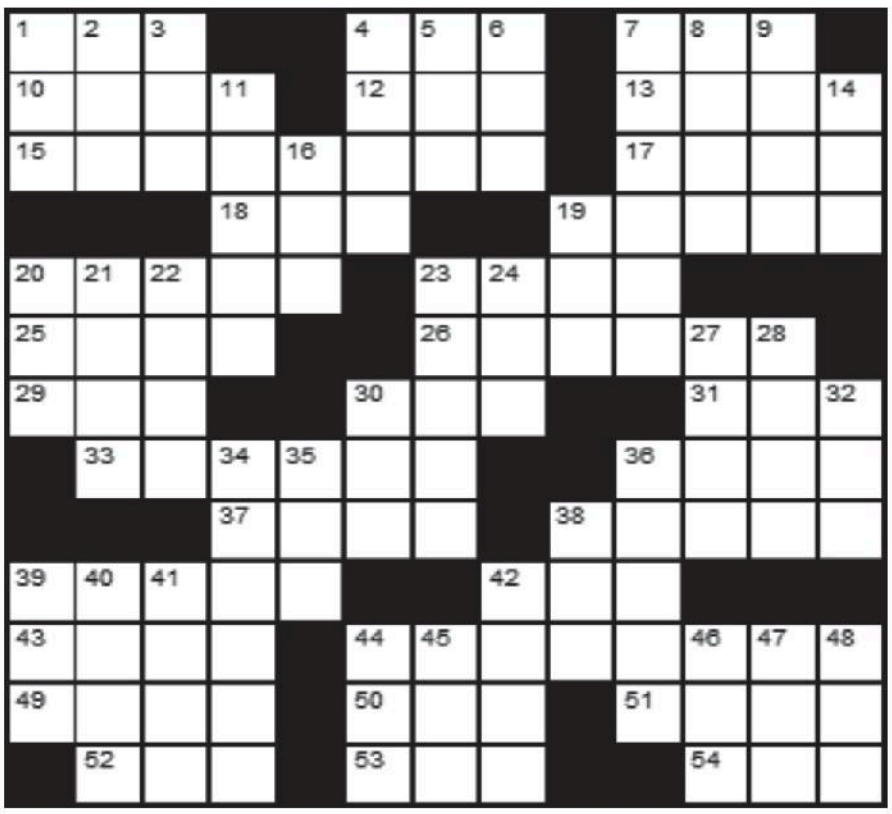
DOWN

1 First number
2 Bollywood's Aishwarya __ Bachchan
3 Sea-eagle variant
4 State positively
5 Nintendo's gaming console
6 Cricket great Sir ____ Hutton
7 French brandy
8 Egyptian symbol - "neat" anagram?
9 Ex-Chinese leader Lin ____
11 Put into circulation
14 Shed tears
16 Metal container
19 Kyushu mountain
20 A period of time
21 Mother of Zeus
22 Yank or pull; pluck
23 Famous author
24 Choose
27 Colossal
28 Scottish river
30 Subside or abate
32 Gilbertian princess
34 Pressed
35 Cow sound
36 Criminal jargon
38 Hardly any
39 Pedro's uncle - "ITO" changed
40 "Race" round for maple genus?
41 U2 frontman
42 Small branch
44 Fruit kernel
45 Spanish queen
46 Sugar-cane spirit
47 Law professor's degree
48 On ___ date : on the pre-determined payment date?



SUDOKU

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		5			9			
			5	1				3
6					1	3		
	3	7				5	9	
		4	7					8
8				6	2			
			1			8		
4						6	1	

Answer to previous puzzle

3	6	2	7	5	1	4	8	9
1	7	4	9	8	3	2	6	5
9	8	5	6	2	4	3	7	1
6	4	8	1	9	7	5	2	3
7	3	9	5	4	2	6	1	8
2	5	1	8	3	6	7	9	4
4	1	6	3	7	9	8	5	2
5	2	7	4	1	8	9	3	6
8	9	3	2	6	5	1	4	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

OJ KALEVOJI, VPL DJGQ PEAR VPOJI OB VD FLIOJ: E

IAEBB FGERL'B JD LEBOLA VD UENL VPEJ EJ DEN.

TODAY'S CLUE: I EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: He is happiest who hath power to gather wisdom from a flower.

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  Retro (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** **Ph: 2423554**
  Tourist Family (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** **Ph: 2422871**
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- **Padma Theatre** **Ph: 2521923**
  Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** **Mob: 98454-14691**
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- **Lido Theatre** **Ph: 2420885**
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	(S-4)	4.05 pm
Thunderbolts (E)	(S-1)	4.20 pm, 10.20 pm
	(S-2)	10.25 am
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	(S-2)	1.05 pm, 4.05 pm
Thudarum (Ma)	(S-2)	7 pm, 10.20 pm
Tourist Family (Ta)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
HIT: The Third Case (Te)	(S-3)	10 am, 3.55 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.15 pm
Puppy (K)	(S-4)	10.30 am
Raid 2 (H)	(S-4)	1 pm, 7.25 pm, 10.25 pm

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Retro (Ta)	:	10.25 am, 1.30 pm, 4.40 pm, 7.45 pm
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Thunderbolts (E-3D)*	:	11.20 am, 4.25 pm, 6.50 pm
Puppy (K)	:	11.25 am
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	:	1.35 pm, 9.25 pm
Raid 2 (H)	:	1.45 pm, 4.20 pm, 10.05 pm
Faizu Mattu Hunja (K)	:	4.20 pm
Thudarum (Ma)	:	7 pm, 9.15 pm
Tourist Family (Ta)	:	7 pm

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Thunderbolts (E-3D)*	:	9 am, 2.25 pm, 7.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Thudarum (Ma)	:	9.15 am, 12.45 pm, 6.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Retro (Ta)	:	9.20 am, 12.25 pm, 4.20 pm
		6.55 pm, 10 pm
Raid 2 (H)	:	9.30 am, 12.45 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.35 pm 9.30 pm
HIT: The Third Case (Te)	:	9.35 am, 12.40 pm, 3.45 pm
		6.50 pm, 10.15 pm
Tourist Family (Ta)	:	10.20 am, 7.40 pm
The Bhootnii (H)	:	11.40 am, 5.05 pm
Kesari Chapter 2 (H)	:	1.25 pm
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	:	3.50 pm
Puppy (K)	:	4 pm
Until Dawn (E)	:	10.30 pm

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HIT: The Third Case (Te)	:	9.25 am, 12.20 pm, 6.50 pm, 10 pm
Thunderbolts (E-3D)*	:	9.40 am, 11.20 am, 4.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Raid 2 (H)	:	10.25 am, 2 pm, 4 pm, 7.35 pm, 10.15 pm
Puppy (K)	:	12.35 pm
Tourist Family (Ta)	:	1.20 pm
Thudarum (Ma)	:	3.15 pm
Retro (Ta)	:	3.30 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.50 pm
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	:	6.45 pm

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Raid 2 (H)	:	9.50 am, 1.15 pm, 7.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Retro (Ta)	:	9.50 am, 12.45 pm, 4.10 pm, 10.10 pm
Thunderbolts (E)*	:	10 am, 7.25 pm
Thunderbolts (E-3D)*	:	4 pm, 10 pm
HIT: The Third Case (K)	:	10.45 am
HIT: The Third Case (Te)	:	12.45 pm, 6.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Kesari Chapter 2 (H)	:	2 pm
Thudarum (Ma)	:	4.10 pm
Puppy (K)	:	4.55 pm
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	:	7.20 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Ph: 0821-4283555

Hit: The Third Case (Te)	:	9.50 am, 7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Hit: The Third Case (K)	:	1.05 pm
Raid 2 (H)	:	10.05 am, 4.20 pm, 7.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Retro (Ta)	:	10.10 am, 1 pm, 6.55 pm, 10 pm
Thunderbolts (E-3D)*	:	11 am, 1.45 pm, 4.30 pm, 7.15 pm
Preeti Prema Panganaama (K)	:	1.35 pm
Nan Poli (K)	:	4.10 pm
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	:	4.25 pm
Thudarum (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 4)

- **Jana Chaithanya Foundation:** Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 134th Jayanti and Basava Jayanti celebrations, Jai Bhim Gayanotsava, Karaoke music programme, Kannada & Culture Department Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy inaugurates, social worker Dr. Raghuram Vajpayee presides, Buddha Bhavana, behind T. Subbanna Sarvajanika Hostel, 4th Main Road, Vidyaranyapuram, **4 pm.**
- **Balamurali Musical Group, Mysuru:** Karaoke Musical Programme, singers - K.I. Prakash, G. Sridhar, I.P. Bhuvan, Neetu Umesh, Pallavi Pai, I.P. Yashas; MLA T.S. Srivatsa, Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishat Mysuru District President Nagaraj V. Bairy and Automotive Axles Ltd. President Nagaraja Gargeshwari chief guests, Shobha Nagabhushan comperes, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **4.30 pm.**
- **Nadavidyalaya, Mysuru:** Bharatanatyam Rangapravesha of Sharvari Walimbe (daughter of Abhay and late Anjali Walimbe), disciple of Guru Vidushi Mithra Naveen, S.D. Sureshkumar, Police Inspector, Vijayanagar Police Station, Mysuru, Shashidhara Dongre of L&T Technology Services Ltd. and Author and Dr. Kripa Phadke, Director, Nrityagiri Performing Arts and Research Centre, Mysuru, guests of honour, Music Ensemble - Dance Direction, Choreography & Nattuvanga - Guru Vidushi Mithra Naveen; Vocal - Vidwan Naveen M.S. Andagar; Flute - Vid. Vivek Krishna; Mridanga - Vid. G.S. Nagraj, Jaganmohan Palace, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Seva Samithi Charitable Trust:** Bramha Rathotsava-2025 and Bhoomi Puja for Rajagopura, Swasthivachana, Ankurarpana, Garuda Prathiste, Homas, Hamsavahanothsava, Trust premises, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre:** Technical Talk on 'Design Thinking and Innovation' by Dr. Geetha Kiran, Dean (Corporate Affairs), CEO, ME-RIISE Foundation, Hassan, Dr. R. Deepu, Chairman, IEI Mysuru, presides, S.P. Bhat Hall, IEI Mysuru, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 5)

- **Banter Babu Publication, Mysuru:** World Cartoonist Day celebrations, Caricature Exhibition by cartoonist and Fullbrighter M.V. Nagendra Babu, MLA T.S. Srivatsa inaugurates, former President of District Kannada Sahitya Parishat M. Chandrashekar delivers keynote address, Bharani Art Gallery Founder-Chief Convenor and senior artist N.B. Kaverappa presides, releasing 'Amphi Man' cartoon super hero by the chief guests, **10.30 am;** Expo, Sree Kalanikethana Art Gallery, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **11 am to 6 pm.**
- **Sri Nataraja Prathistana, Sri Hosmutt, Mysuru and Sri Nataraja Post Graduate Centre (M.Com), Mysuru:** Special Lecture Series (Topic: Importance of IFRS in Financial Reporting and Concept of Transfer Pricing and its Methods used in ALP), Sri Chidananda Swamiji graces the occasion, CA M.R. Mallikarjun Swamy resource person, Advocate and Tax Consultant M.C. Sundar chief guest, Sri Nataraja Prathistana Special Officer Prof. S. Shivarajappa presides, Sri Nataraja Post Graduate Centre Principal Dr. M. Sharada will be present, Sri Nataraja Auditorium, Sri Hosmutt, **10.30 am.**
- **District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru:** 111th Foundation Day celebrations, Music University Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. M.G. Manjunath inaugurates, Parishat President Maddikere Gopal presides, retd. Professor Dr. D.K. Rajendra felicitates Prof. P.V. Nanjaraja Urs, Dr. Saraswathi Rajendra, Kerodi M. Lolakshi, H.S. Govindagowda, M.A. Patil and poet & novelist M.R. Anand; Kavigoshti, poet & novelist Usha Narasimhan chairs, Parishat premises, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10.30 am.**
- **Natana, Mysuru:** Valedictory of 'Raja Maja' - Children's Summer Camp 2025, Kalamandira, Vinoba Road, **5 pm.**
- **Elder Citizens Council, Jayalakshmipuram:** Monthly Series of Health Talk for elder citizens, talk on 'Preventive measures on infectious diseases' by Dr. K. Kumaran, working at CSI Holdsworth Memorial Hospital in city and Vivekananda Memorial Hospital, Saragur, Dr. H.M. Nagaraju, President of the Council, presides, Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavana, Council premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.** [Mob:99804-12406]
- **Sri Krishna Seva Samithi Charitable Trust:** Bramha Rathotsava-2025 and Bhoomi Puja for Rajagopura, Utsava, Dwajarohana, Kumbharadhana Poorvaka Yagashala Pravesha, **9 am;** Vishnu Sahasranama Homa, Chandramandalothsava, Trust premises, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**

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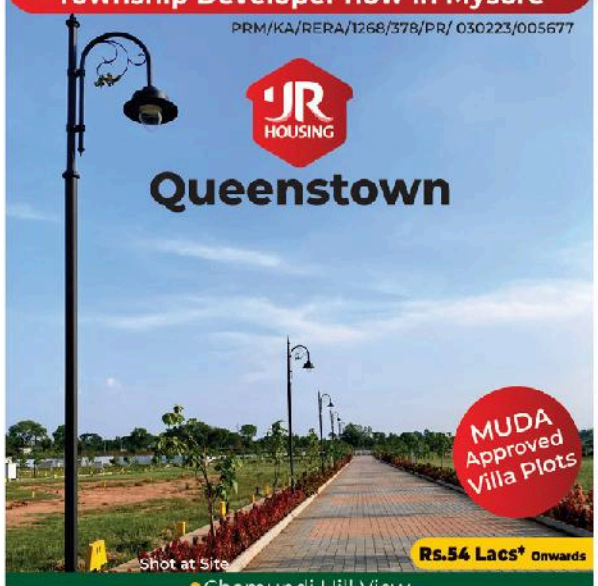

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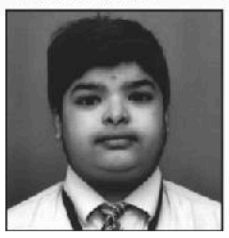

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SHREYA PRASAD H S
572 (91.52%) A+

MADAN KUMAR A
570 (91.20%) A+

THANUSH D
568
(90.88%) A+

ASHIFA T A
565
(90.40%) A+

SAKSHI A
563
(90.08%) A+

JEEVANTH M
561
(89.76%) A

ARBIYA BANU
560 (89.60%) A

SPANDANA S
561
(89.76%) A

M S ADARSH
558 (89.28%) A

ASFIYA FATHIMA
549 (87.84%) A

NEHASHREE R
547
(87.52%) A

NANDAN R
543
(86.88%) A

SHEETAL V
542 (86.72%) A
H - 100

LAVANYA J
542
(86.72%) A

JAYALAKSHMI M
540
(86.40%) A

POORVIKA R
538
(86.08%) A

SANIYAKULSUM
536
(85.76%) A

K VISHAAL GOWDA
534 (85.44%) A

HARSHITHA M
533 (85.28%) A
H - 100

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